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E.O. 12865: RDS-1,3,4 - 6/8/12 (DILLON, ROBERT S.) OR-M TAGS: MILI, MOPS, PEPR, PINT, PINS, LE, IS, SY, US SUBJECT: ISRAELI INTENTIONS: CONVERSATION WITH FORMIN FUAD BUTROS

1. (S-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. I WENT TO SEE FORMIN BUTROS AT 1736 HOURS JUNE & TO REVIEW SITUATION. AS HE HAD REQUESTED IN LAST CONVERSATION WE TALKED ASOUT ISRAELI POLITICAL OBJECTIVES. I AM REPORTSING THE CONVERSATION EXACTLY AS IT OCCURRED. IT SHOWS BUTROS THINKING OUT LOUD AND GIVING HIS PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS ON SOME OF THE POST INVASION SCENARIOS UNDER CONSIDERATION.

3. WE FIRST DISCUSSED POLITICAL OBJECTIVES SEING PROPOSED BY ISRAELIS IN RETURN FOR THEIR WITHDRAWAL, AS REPORTED IN RECENT RADIO BROADCASTS, THESE WERE;

A) SYRIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM LEBANON; B) A RETURN OF AREAS OCCUPIED BY ISRAELIS TO LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY; C) AGREEMENT THAT ARMED PALESTINIANS WOULD NOT RETURN TO THAT AREA AND, D) A 48 KILOMETER SANITARY ZONE IN SOUTH, PRESUMABLY SECRET

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LIKE PRESENT HADDAD ENCLAYE.

4. I THEN TOLD BUTROS ABOUT MY CONVERSATION AN HOUR EARLIER WITH GEN., CALLAGHAN, WHO HAD STOPPED AT RESIDENCE ON HAY INTO BEIRUT FROM DAMASCUS. (CALLASMAN HAD COME BY ROAD BECAUSE HE WAS NOT ABLE TO GET TO BEIRUT BY HELICOPTER WITH GENERAL EYTAN WHO SEEMED TO BE FEELING HIN OUT ON THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EXPANDED UNIFIL OR PRESENCE OF AN MEG-TYPE FORCE IN LEBANON. EYTAN HAS NOT SPECIFIC BUT SEEMED TO BE THINKING OF UNIFIL FORCES AS FAR FORTH AS STOON WITH PERHAPS AN ENLARGED HADDAD ZONE SOUTH TO THE ISRAEL! BORDER. CALLAGHAN HIMSELF WAS APPARENTLY EQUALLY NON-SPECIFIC IN HIS ANSHERS, TELLING EYTAN THAT THERE WAS NO WAY UNIFIL COULD PLAY A USEFUL ROLE WITHOUT A CLEARCUT MANDATE, ENLARGED AND THE COOPERATION OF ALL PARTIES. CALLAGHAN ALSO FORCES, CLAIMED THAT HE TOLD EYTAN THAT ISRAELI ACTIONS HAD BADLY DAMAGED NOT ONLY UNIFIL BUT POSSIBLE FUTURE ROLE OF UN IN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS.

B. I THEN TOLD BUTROS THAT IN HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT CONVERSATION WITH UNDER SECRETARY EAGLEBURGER, ISRAELI AMBASSADOR ARENS HAD SPELLED OUT A LITTLE HORE CLEARLY SOME OF THE THINGS ISRAELIS HAD IN MIND. ARENS HAD TOLD EAGLEBURGER THAT ISRAELIS DID NOT INTEND TO REMAIN ON LEBANESE TERRIORY BUT WOULD USE TERRITORY TO BARGAIN. WHEN EAGLEBURGER HAD ASKED WHAT ISRAELIS MEANT BY "GETTING OUP OF LEBANON," ARENS SAID THAT THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES. HE HAD ADOED THAT ISRAELIS THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE "NATIVE, AUTHENTIC LEBANESE FORCES" MOVE INTO AREA. BUTROS IMMEDIATELY PRICKED UP HIS EARS. WHO, HE ASKED, BESIDES PHALANGE WERE THE ISRAELIS TALKING ABOUT? IN SAID ARENS HAD THEN MENTIONED PHALANGE, MADDAD FORCES, "PERHAPS LEBANESE ARMY" AND POSSIBLY SHIIA FORCES. BUTROS



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SAID ISRAELIS MUST UNDERSTAND THEY CANNOT SIMPLY TURN LEBANON OVER TO THE PHALANGE. ONE REASON THE PHALANGE IS STAYING ALOOF RIGHT NOW IS BECAUSE BASHIR GEMAYEL UNDERSTANDS THAT HE MUST NOT BE SEEN TO BE COLLABORATING NITH THE ISRAELIS IF HE IS GOING TO PLAY A POLITICAL MOLE IN THE AFTERMATH OF ISRAELI INVASION. BUTROS THEN SAID THAT HADDAD WAS ASSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE. HE HAS BECOME FOR MANY LEBANESE A TRAITOR AND SYMBOL OF EVIL FOR COLLABORATING WITH ISRAELIS. IT HIGHT, HOWEVER, BE POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT SOMETHING INVOLVING HADDAD FORCES "WITHOUT HADDAD." (IN MY CONVERSATION WITH CALLAGHAN, UNIFIL COMMANDER HAD SPECULATED THAT ISRAELIS MIGHT ACCEPT "GETTING RID" OF HADDAD SOMEHOW AS LONG AS HADDAD FORCES WERE KEPT INTACT.) BUTROS WENT ON THAT THEY WOULD BE ACCEPTANCE OF LEBANESE ARMED FORCES IN AREAS FROM WHICH ISRAELIS HITHOREW. IT HIGHT THEN BE POSSIBLE TO INTEGRATE PHALANGE UNITS INTO-THE LAP OCCUPYING FORCES. THIS, OF COURSE, HOULD BE DIFFICULT AS BASHIR HOULD BE RELUCTANT TO GIVE UP ANY CONTROL OVER HIS FORCES. IT MIGHT ALSO BE POSSIBLE TO INTEGRATE SOME OF AMAL (SHIIA) MILITIA AND EVEN SOME MILITIAS FROM THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT, E.G. HALID JUMBLATT'S POP. HE CON-CLUDED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS OUR CONVERSATION LATER TONIGHT WITH PRESIDENT SARKIS, BUTROS IS AFRAID THAT WHAT ISRAELIS REALLY HAVE IN MIND IS PURTHER DE FACTO PARTITION OF LEBANON INTO SEVERAL PARTS AND HE SELIEVES BOL AND USG MUST WORK IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION, TO PRESERVE LEBANON AS A SINGLE ENTITY. HE PROHISED THAT NOTHING HE HAD SAID WOULD SO FARTHER THAN SARKIS AND THAT HE HOULD FULLY PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY OF ARENS/EAGLEBURGER CONVERSATION.

6. BUTROS THEN UNDERLINED GREAT IMPORTANCE GOL ATTACHED TO HABIS VISIT. WE DISCUSSED POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS (SEPTEL). CONVERSATION TERMINATED WITH AGREEMENT TO TALK TOHORROW.

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